

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 31st August 2014

IRTS SSB Field Day Contest

IRTS SSB Field Day Contest takes place on Saturday/Sunday 6th/7th September 2014. The latest day for the submission of logs is 21st September. Full details available from www.irts.ie/contests

North Cork Radio Group

North Cork Radio Group would like to give a final reminder to listeners that our 5th anniversary rally will be held on Sunday, 7th September 2014 at the Commons Inn, Blackpool, Cork and doors will open at 11am. Entry fee is €5 and children will be free as usual.

There are some really nice spot prizes in the raffle and tickets will be on sale at the door for €5 per strip. This is the final opportunity for tables to be booked as they are already in high demand with places secured by a number of traders, some new to the Cork rally.

Mayo Radio Experimenters Network

The Mayo Radio Experimenters Network have set the date for the Radio Rally in the usual venue the Welcome Inn Hotel, Castlebar for Sunday the 12 October 2014. For further details please contact the rally director, Padraic EI9JA on 0876957154.

Newly Formed UK Island Group

From 6th & 7th September 2014 the newly formed UK Island group will be signing M0UKI/p from the rare Farne Islands (IOTA EU-109). Team members EI9FBB, G0VJG, G7GLW & M0OXO will be QRV with 2 stations and aim to give this IOTA to as many chasers as possible within the short time frame. (Special attention will be given to work as many EI's as possible too!) QSL via M0OXO.

Tipperary Amateur Radio Group

The next meeting of the Tipperary Amateur Radio Group will be held at The Park Hotel, Clonmel on Wednesday 3rd September 2014 at 8.30pm. This meeting is open to all and short wave listeners are particularly very welcome. A number of radio related topics are up for discussion as well as plans for participation in the SSB Field Day. For more information about Tipperary Amateur Radio Group go to the group website www.ei7trg.ie

ComReg 5 Year Amateur Radio Licence Notification

Process

In June 2009 ComReg introduced a new Amateur Station Licensing scheme under the Wireless Telegraphy (Amateur Station Licence) Regulations 2009. Under this scheme Amateur Station licences are granted for the lifetime of the licensee with a condition that the licensee make a return to ComReg each and every five years to confirm whether the details of the licence are correct.

ComReg have commenced notifying any licensees who have held their licences for 5 years, that their licence detail confirmation is required and informing them how to comply with this licence condition.

Correspondence will issue approximately 2 months before the anniversary of the issue of the licence.

Correspondence will issue via email for those who have registered an email address with ComReg and by post for all others. The correspondence will provide detailed instructions to each licensee on how to make their returns which must be done via ComReg's licensing website and as such will require all licensees to provide a valid email address.

All queries in relation to this process should be sent to licensing/at/comreg/dot/ie.

IRTS Course Guide – Amateur Station Licence

For those of you sitting the next amateur station licence examination the Course Guide for the Amateur Station Licence Examination has been extended to include additional pages covering both the "Licensing Conditions" and the "Operating Rules & Procedures" sections of the course.

The pages are designed to make it easier for those preparing for the exam to study the relevant material for these topics. The Course Guide is at www.irts.ie/course (or see

the "Exam Course Guide" button on the society's home page) and a zip file of the complete course is available for download at www.irts.ie/downloads - the zip file is ideal for offline viewing. A revised version of our document "Studying for the Harmonised Amateur Radio Examination Certificate", also available on the downloads page, now includes the syllabus and a sample paper.

DX News

Jeff K0UU will be living in Hong Kong until the end of 2015. He has been issued with the callsign VR2UU and is active on CW on all the HF bands. Confirmations are preferred using Logbook of the World.

An IOTA expedition to Matthew Island (OC-218) in New Caledonia is planned for early September. The callsign will be TX4A and will last 4 days during the period 1 - 9 September. QSLs go via VE3LYC.

ZL2MF will be on the Pacific Island of Niue from 2 – 9 September. Callsign is E6MF and he will be QRV on SSB on 20, 15, 10 and possibly 40m. QSL to the home call.

Andy IK7YTT will be active as XX9TYT in Macao from 4 – 8 September. QSL Manager is IZ8CCW.

Three Japanese operators will operate from Bhutan during the first two weeks of September. Look for the callsigns A52LSS, A52IVU and A52EQW. Later in the month (from 26 September – 1 October) Pekka OH2YY will again be active as A52YY.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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